

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1           **Claim 1 (currently amended):** An end closure assembly for a pressure  
2 vessel, the end closure assembly comprising:  
3           a non-metal universal head member positioned in an opening in the pressure  
4 vessel, wherein the universal head member has a size complementary to the  
5 opening in the pressure vessel;  
6           a retainer ring member engaged with the pressure vessel for retaining the  
7 universal head member in the opening in the pressure vessel; and  
8           a securing plate member engaged with the retainer ring member for securing  
9 the retainer ring member,  
10           wherein the retainer ring member is made of at least two arced elements that  
11 are movable relative to each other.

1           **Claim 2 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, further comprising  
2 an elliptical head member.

1           **Claim 3 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 2, wherein the  
2 elliptical head member is in contact with the universal head member.

1           **Claim 4 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the  
2 universal head member further comprises an integral access section.

1           **Claim 5 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the  
2 retainer ring member is non-metal.

1           **Claim 6 (canceled)**

1           **Claim 7 (currently amended):** The end closure assembly of [[claim 6]] claim  
2 1, wherein the elements are substantially ~~identical~~ similar in shape.

1           **Claim 8 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 7, wherein the  
2 elements are identical in shape.

1           **Claim 9 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the  
2 universal head member is plastic.

1           **Claim 10 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the  
2 universal head member comprises a domed-shaped element and a tubular element.

1           **Claim 11 (original):** The end closure assembly of claim 10, wherein the  
2 tubular element comprises a threaded portion.

1           **Claim 12 (new):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the elements  
2           interlock and are linked.

1           **Claim 13 (new):** The end closure assembly of claim 8, wherein the elements  
2           are substantially mirror image of each other.

1           **Claim 14 (new):** The end closure assembly of claim 1, wherein the elements  
2           can rotate relative to each other.